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AMENDMENT / REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action mailed March 30, 2007, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-27 and 29-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swales et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,626) and further in view of Montijo (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,107). Claims 5, 21 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swales et al. and Montijo as modified in claims 1, 9 and 24 and further in view of Evoy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,958,020).

No claims have been amended. New claims have been deleted. New claims 35-38 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.